

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Office Action dated November 25, 2008, in which the Examiner rejected claims 19 as indefinite; rejected claims 1, 10-13, 17 and 20 as anticipated by Sharma (US 6644402); rejected claim 2 as obvious in view of Sharma; and indicated that claims 3, 4, 7-9, 14-16, 18, 21 and 22 would be allowable if re-written in independent form.

In response, Applicants have re-written claims 7 and 21 in independent form and incorporated the limitation of former claim 3 into claim 1. Claims 3, 5, and 6 have been canceled. The balance of the claims depend from an allowable base claim.

Claim 19 has been amended to cure the grounds for rejection under § 112.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present amendments place the claims in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding this application, he is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (713) 241-1041.

Respectfully submitted,

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